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OTHER MATTERS REQUIRING ACTION BY THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES:
REVIEW, PURSUANT TO THE SAME ARTICLE, OF THE REPORT OF THE GLOBAL
MECHANISM ON ITS ACTIVITIES, AND THE PROVISION OF GUIDANCE TO IT

Global Mechanism

Indonesia*: draft decision

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling its decisions 24/COP.1 and 25/COP.1 on the organization to
house the Global Mechanism and agreement on its modalities, and on
collaborative institutional arrangements in support of the Global Mechanism,
respectively,

Taking note of the report of the secretariat ^{1/} and draft memorandum of
understanding with the International Fund for Agricultural Development as the
organization housing the International Fund for Agricultural
Development/Global Mechanism, ^{2/}

Having considered the report of the Managing Director of the
Global Mechanism ^{3/} and the report of the current chair of the Facilitation
Committee, ^{4/}

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are
members of the Group of 77 and China.

^{1/} ICCD/COP(2)/4.

^{2/} ICCD/COP(2)/4/Add.1.

^{3/} ICCD/COP(2)/CRP.1.

^{4/} ICCD/COP(2)/CRP.2.

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1. Expresses its concern that the Global Mechanism did not begin operating on 1 January 1998, as urged by the Conference of the Parties in its decision 24/COP.1, for lack of financial resources from the donor community;
2. Notes with appreciation the role played by the United Nations Development Programme in identifying and selecting the Managing Director of the Global Mechanism, and the nomination of the Managing Director by the International Fund for Agricultural Development;
3. Notes also with appreciation the efforts made by the International Fund for Agricultural Development to establish the framework for the separate identity of the Global Mechanism within the Fund and looks forward to a prompt starting of its activities, in conformity with the provisions of the Convention and relevant decisions of the Conference of the Parties;
4. Requests the International Fund for Agricultural Development to pursue modalities of collaboration between itself and the community of non-governmental organizations, as well as collaboration with other interested organizations, including the private sector, and to submit a report to the Conference of the Parties at its third session for consideration and appropriate action;
5. Requests also the International Fund for Agricultural Development and the Convention secretariat to work out appropriate arrangements for liaison and cooperation between the Global Mechanism and the secretariat in order to avoid duplication and to enhance the effectiveness of Convention implementation in accordance with their respective roles in such implementation;
6. Invites relevant institutions, programmes and bodies of the United Nations system, in particular the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the Global Environment Facility, the United Nations Environment Programme and the World Food Programme, intergovernmental, regional and subregional organizations and regional development banks, as well as interested non-governmental organizations and the private sector, to actively support the activities of the Global Mechanism;
7. Takes note with appreciation of generous contributions to the voluntary contribution administrative expenses fund already provided by some countries, and reiterates its appeal to Governments, the United Nations system and all interested organizations, including non-governmental organizations and

the private sector, to make promptly further voluntary contributions necessary to support the functioning of the Global Mechanism;

8. Takes note of the first draft of the Operational Strategy and requests the Managing Director of the Global Mechanism to complete the development of the Operational Strategy, in particular in the area of the mobilization of financial resources, and to submit it to the Conference of the Parties at its third session for consideration and adoption;

9. Calls upon Governments and the United Nations system, including multilateral financial institutions and all interested organizations, as well as non-governmental organizations and the private sector, to make, as soon as possible, substantial voluntary contributions of the activities of the Global Mechanism, in order to facilitate early and prompt implementation of action programmes and projects at local, national, subregional and interregional levels;

10. Decides, despite article 21, paragraph 7, of the Convention, that the Conference of the Parties will, at its fifth ordinary session, review the policies, operational modalities and activities of the Global Mechanism and, on the basis of this review, consider and take appropriate action.
